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SUBJECT:UNESCO MEETING ON MUSEUM STORAGE, CONTAINERIZATION,
AND RETRIEVAL

1. NATIONAL COMMISSION AND VICE-CHAIRMAN ICOM COMMITTEE
OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS (AAM), PAUL PERROT,
HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING UNESCO INTERNATIONAL
EXPERTS MEETING ON SUBJECT OF MUSEUM STORAGE,
CONTAINERIZATION, COMPACTION, RETRIEVAL, AND THEIR
IMPLICATION FOR STRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS, SECURITY,
AND MATERIAL HANDLING OF MUSEUM OBJECTS. ON BASIS THESE
CONSULTATIONS, OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS:
(A) UNESCO HAS SET ASIDE APPROXIMATELY DOLS 16,000 IN
CURRENT BUDGET TO HELP DEFRAY TRAVEL EXPENSES, BUT NOT
PER DIEM COSTS, OF APPROXIMATELY 13 OR 14 INTERNATIONAL
SPECIALISTS; (B) MEETING DATE TENTATIVELY SET FOR DECEMBER
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13-17, 1976; (C) MEETING TO BE IN TWO LANGUAGES (ENGLISH

AND FRENCH); AND (D) MEETING WOULD BE OUT-OF-CATEGORY, I.E. NOT SIX, SEVEN OR EIGHT, AND ORGANIZED UNDER CONTRACT BETWEEN UNESCO AND AAM.

2. ITEMS (B) AND (C) PROVIDE COMMISSION AND US/ICOM NO PROBLEMS. RE ITEM (A) COMMISSION WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED BY UNESCO AND MAGNITUDE

OF SHORT FALL TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION OF INTERNATIONAL VISITORS.

3. ITEM (D) MERITS FURTHER CLARIFICATION. PERROT AND COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT MEETING MUST BE OUT-OF-CATEGORY. FURTHER, WE WOULD PREFER IT BE DIVIDED INTO TWO CONSECUTIVE PARTS; (A) TWO-THREE CLOSED SESSION FOR EXPERTS WHO WOULD MEET AMONG THEMSELVES, WITH POSSIBLY A FEW SENIOR OBSERVERS AND (B) TWO DAYS OF OPEN SESSIONS FOR PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS ACHIEVED IN CLOSED SESSION. WE STRESS IMPORTANCE OF OPEN SESSION SO AS TO PROVIDE MEMBERS OF US MUSEUM PROFESSION OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PROCEEDINGS AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. AS PERMDEL AWARE, THIS SUBJECT OF GREAT INTEREST TO AMERICAN MUSEUM COMMUNITY. FINALLY, CONTRACT SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN ICOM PARIS AND US/ICOM RATHER THAN BETWEEN UNESCO AND AAM. OUR VIEW IS THAT MEETING SHOULD BE ORGANIZED AND HOSTED BY PRIVATE NON-GOVERNMENTAL SECTOR IN COOPERATION WITH UNESCO AND US NAT COM RATHER THAN UNDER UNESCO AUSPICES.

4. IF THESE CONDITIONS ACCEPTABLE TO UNESCO AND SUBJECT TO FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS ON POINT (A) ABOVE, NAT COM PREPARED ISSUE UNESCO OFFICIAL INVITATION. KISSINGER

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